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PREFACE

On 9 February, 1954 cables were sent to stations []

[] The cables told of the possibility of a Guatemalan inspired "Bogotazo" at Caracas and requested the stations to play up the following themes:

a. "Guatemala is a stooge of the USSR.

b. The Guatemalan Government has received orders from Moscow, through the returning Communist Labor delegates, to take any action - including a "Bogotazo", if possible - to bring about Hemisphere disunity. The head of the Venezuelan Secret Police has evidence that Communists will try to disrupt the Caracas conference."

Each station was sent a cable designed to fit their particular assets and local situation.

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LINCOLN COMMAND

ACTIONS TAKEN:

A. Lincoln and Headquarters are arranging a Black operation designed to provide the [] "proof" that Guatemala is purchasing arms from the USSR, landing them from a Soviet submarine and caching them at a to be discovered location in Nicaragua. This is to be used only if extremist measures are called for.

B. Lincoln has ordered: Guatemala. []
to place the following themes in Press and Radio:

a. Guatemalan Commies and Government, not the Guatemalan people, are the only ones represented at OAS conference.

b. Majority of Guatemalans desire to be free of very people allegedly representing them at OAS.

c. The Guatemalan people would approve of the delegation if delegates promised to stay in Venezuela and their masters would also leave.

d. The Guatemalan people will soon speak for themselves in spite of what delegation claims.

e. True interventionists are the Communists directed by the Kremlin, hence their quickness to cite others to divert attention from their true status of Communism.

C. Lincoln has prepared certain materials, designed to effectively lable the Guatemalan "White Paper" as a complete forgery. This material is to be given to []

LINCOLN COMMAND (Cont'd)

[] and it is planned that the Nicaraguans will issue a "Nicaraguan White Paper". This will be done as soon as possible.

D. Station Guatemala has been ordered to check on the whereabouts of Lt. Chico PALACIOS, the chauffeur who drove ARANA to his date with assassination. PALACIOS was also shot, but managed to take refuge in the Salvadorean embassy. If still alive, he may be useful propagandistically.

FACILITIES AVAILABLE:

A. In Guatemala, there is a front capable of preparing posters, pamphlets and rumors and properly disseminate them.

B. In Salvador and Honduras, there are similar fronts who, in addition, have newspapers at their command.

C. Demonstrations, though highly dangerous, could be made in Guatemala. (Through the market women's group).

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MEMORANDUM

1. Recognising importance of and relationship to PBSUCCESS of OAS conference LINC suggests following as of possible assistance HQS joint effort with ODACID.

"1. Herewith LINCOLN recommendations for KUGOWN effort prior to and during OAS conference.

2. Plan has three main elements:

- a. Character assassination of WSBURNT delegates.
- b. Embarrassment of WSBURNT delegation in Caracas.
- c. Diplomatic and foreign press exposes of WSBURNT domestic and hemisphere-wide Communist activities.

3. Proposed actions toward 2A:

- a. Station WSBURNT and ODACID to determine members WSBURNT delegation.
- b. Station WSBURNT, other KUBARK sources, ODACID, ODENVY, etc. to be queried for bio data on WSBURNT Delegates and data assembled.
- c. Based on above, HQS and LINCOLN to determine specific lines of attack against each individual by forged documents and press articles.
- d. Execution of attack should occur in three phases: (1) about week prior to conference, plant press articles attacking one or two key figures of WSBURNT delegation throughout Hemisphere; publish seized or forged documents burning about half of small fry on WSBURNT delegation, all the way down to secretaries. (2) at conference burn one or two leading WSBURNT delegates (LINC 342) either on opening day or to coincide to the day with major WSBURNT speeches, i.e., same

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"press edition or radio newscast that carries story of WSBURNT charges of "intervention" should carry story of AREVALO for TORIELLO exposure as Communists. (3) for rest of conference burn remaining half of WSBURNT delegation small fry by means of seized or forged documents.

4. Proposed actions toward 2b:

- a. Have ZRBRIEF determine hotel, entertainment, official reception, etc., arrangements being made for WSBURNT delegation.
- b. Have ZRBRIEF determine local Communist demonstration, publicity, etc., plans for conference.
- c. Have ZRBRIEF recommend defensive measures against local Communist plans.
- d. Have ZRBRIEF explore possibilities of embarrassing WSBURNT delegation by such means as: (1) picketing of delegates' residence, (2) tomato and egg throwing at WSBURNT delegates en route meetings, (3) exploiting WSBURNT official reception by planned power failure, nauseating drinks, interception of invitations to important figures, gate crashing by inebriated boozers who pose as Slavic friends of WSBURNT delegates, mailing great excess of invitations.
- e. Anti-Communist poster campaign in ZRBRIEF.
- f. Bring refugees from WSBURNT to ZRB for public appearance. Have them get publicity by trying to crash conference to protest against WSBURNT.

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"5. Proposed actions toward 2c:

- a. Preparation of "red paper" describing growth of Communism in WSBURNT from 1942 to present. Paper to show parallel between Commie in_filtration in WSBURNT and in other countries; parallel between China agrarian reform program, thus driving home danger of Hemisphere-wide Communist conspiracy; clearly defining the Communists as the true interventionists(LING pouching more detailed suggestions.) This document to be introduced at conference by Latin nation.
 - b. About ten days prior to conference begin exposing WSBURNT, Communist, Soviet agents in various hemisphere countries.
 - c. Have another Latin nation introduce formalized record of WSBURNT, Communist, Soviet current intelligence and propaganda efforts in Hemisphere.
 - d. In foregoing always refer to WSBURNT as operations base of Communist conspiracy.
6. Proposed approach: Recommend that special teams be established at HQS to implement each of the three foregoing proposed KUCOWN efforts."

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MEMORANDUM FOR: **CWR**

SUBJECT : Counter-Attack Against Further Guatemalan Revelations
of Plans Against Guatemala

1. Problem

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a. Interrogation of SEEKFORD has brought to light the fact that DELGADO had a key to SEEKFORD's apartment in Managua. It may be assumed, therefore, that DELGADO was aware of the various paraphrased (CIA) cables that SEEKFORD left in his room, which were recently returned to PIVALL by the lessor with the information that the cables had been shown to SOMOZA. It may also be assumed that DELGADO has made this information available to Guatemala. Interrogation has further revealed the fact that DELGADO was in the tower at La Merced Airport, Managua, when the 14 January black flight came in, that DELGADO entered the plane, noted the American clothing of the crew and a copy of the "Washington Post" in the cockpit. It may be assumed that this information, too, is in the hands of the Guatemalan Government.

b. The problem is how to deal with possible publication of the above information by the Guatemalan Government, either in the press or at the OAS Conference.

2. Proposed Solution -- Substance

a. DELGADO supplied the basic evidence for the Guatemalan White Paper of 29 January 1954. That evidence included numerous photostats of documents allegedly passed during the course of the "conspiracy" against Guatemala. These documents are fabrications and forgeries, as attested by the following:

(1) The White Paper claimed that Carlos Castillo Armas and "Carlos Centeno Aguilar" (a name that Castillo Armas allegedly used on a Nicaraguan passport) were identical. Yet the photostats given by DELGADO to the Guatemalan Government show an irreconcilable dissimilarity between the signatures of "Carlos Castillo Armas" and "Centeno". Either the documents signed "Carlos Castillo Armas", or those signed "Centeno", are forgeries, or more likely both.

(2) Another document delivered by DELGADO to the Guatemalan Government purported to be a prospectus on Napalm, mailed to "A. Somoza and Cia" by a German arms firm, the H.F. CORDES Co. of Hamburg. The H.F. CORDES Co., on about 30 January, in response to a press inquiry by the Hamburg representative of Agence France-Presse, stated that it had never sold arms to either "A. Somoza & Cia." or to Carlos Castillo Armas, but had definitely sold submachine guns to the Guatemalan Government. (This is further confirmed by a Department of State dispatch from Hamburg, dated approximately 11 January 1954). It is apparent, then, that the Guatemalan Government or DELGADO, in the pay of the Guatemalan government, manufactured the H.F. CORDES & Co. letterhead

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and fabricated thereon the alleged offer of Napalm to "A. Somoza & Cia." Conclusive proof of this clumsy fabrication is supplied by the fact that H.F. CORDES, in allegedly giving the specifications of the Napalm it wanted to sell, wrote the following: "Cualidad Segun las especificaciones de los Estados Unidos". This is technically so imprecise and propagandistically so blatant as to label the document a patent forgery.

(3) Other documents supplied by DELGADO to the Guatemalan Government purported to be letters written by Anastasio SOMOZA, Jr. to Castillo Armas. On 1 February, 1954, at 1400 hours, the Nicaraguan Ambassador to Guatemala called on Foreign Minister TORIELLO and, on the basis of showing TORIELLO genuine signatures of Anastasio SOMOZA, Jr., indicated to TORIELLO that the SOMOZA signatures on the DELGADO photostats were forgeries. At approximately 1600 hours that same afternoon, the Guatemalan Government called in, from as many newspapermen as it could reach, all copies of the "documents" and "photostats" attached to the White Paper. In other words, by the Guatemalan Government's own tacit admission, the "documents" were fabricated and forged.

b. Now the Guatemalan Government comes along with new DELGADO "documents", purportedly found in the possession of one [] (K)
[] F [] The Guatemalan Government now suggests that these "documents" show US Government complicity in a "plot" against Guatemala. It is obvious that DELGADO is the source of these new "documents", since it was well known that DELGADO and [] were acquainted in the past. These new "documents" are manifest fabrications, as any intelligent person can deduce by considering the following:

- (1) DELGADO's previous record as a forger and fabricator.
- (2) The obvious propaganda slanting of the new "documents", such as the reference to "blasting caps", making a parallel to the Napalm allegations
- (3) [] lack of any US Government connections, beyond military service in World War II
- (4) The patent impossibility that the US Government would allow such messages to be in the hands of a private citizen.
- (5) The elaborate fabrication of a "cloak-and-dagger" character to the messages, to the point where they are virtually unintelligible

c. It is not surprising that the Guatemalan Government resorts to such desperate devices, because this type of fabrication so closely resembles the "potato bug" and "bacteriological warfare" lies of the Soviets, whose loyal servant the Guatemalan Government is.

d. It is regrettable, however, that the Panamanian Government, with whom the United States has always enjoyed cordial relations, should find itself in the position of having a Communist forger and fabricator in its diplomatic corps. This is the second such case in

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recent months. It will be recalled that in December, 1953, the Government of El Salvador was compelled to declare persona non grata that Panamanian Consul-General Manuel RUGLIANTICH, for pro-Communist and pro-Guatemalan activities. It would be highly desirable, in the interests of hemispheric unity, if the Government of Panama would take steps in this matter.

3. Proposed Solution -- Means of Implementation

a. Nicaragua could protest now, before Guatemala reveals more, to Panama about DELGADO, thus discrediting beforehand any further revelations that might be made.

b. If the Guatemalans break the story, the US State Department could immediately reveal the facts contained in Para 2 a, and say that presumably the new "documents" were of a similar ilk. A day or so later, the new "documents" could be declared forgeries in their turn, in line with Para 2 b.

c. An appropriate State Department official could, if the Guatemalans break the story, go to the Panamanians with the information in Para 2 a and the hypothesis that the new "documents" are forgeries. The US protest against DELGADO's activities would then be leaked to the press.

d. In all above solutions, and there are undoubtedly other means of implementation, the US position might profitably be to play the incident down as irrelevant cat-calling that merely detracts from the main business of OAS.

4. ANNEO Suggestion

If the US, at Caracas, forthrightly takes a lead in establishing ~~the~~ a high plane of discussion, if it focuses on the defense and development of freedom and free ideals, all Guatemalan charges can be placed in a bad light by the very fact that they disrupt the positive plans for the conference.

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Mr.

24 February, 1954

Mr.

Mr. ' paper, "Counter-Attack Against Further Guatemalan Revelations of Plans Against Guatemala"

1. The SUBJECT is an excellent paper and certainly, in para 2, gives us sufficient material from which to take propaganda actions, however, this officer has the following suggestions for best utilization of SUBJECT materials:

A. That material in SUBJECT para B be released by Nicaragua as suggested in SUBJECT para 3a in the form of a protest. This protest would be a type of Nicaraguan "White Paper" and should be sent to as many Latin American newspapers, Foreign Ministers and delegates to the Caracas Conference as possible. This should be done to prevent the necessity of taking action indicated in SUBJECT para 3b.

B. If A were effectively accomplished, it would give all KUGOWN mechanisms, throughout the area, a peg to hand better and more specific propaganda on - give more impetus to better KUGOWN action re the Caracas Conference throughout the Hemisphere and generally take the onus off the USA.

C. The attitude of the US at the Conference should be one sympathy and understanding of all Latin American complaints and at the same time proposing progressive, positive programs for unity, economic development, social progress and defense. When the Guat charges are brought up, the position of the US should be ridicule and completely categorical denial in a ~~very~~ brief and concise manner. It should appear that the US delegation thinks the charges simply too fantastic to bother with.

D. If possible, before the Guats have an opportunity to present their charges, but after the US has established its understanding, progressive attitude with the delegates of other American countries, one of the Latin American delegates - preferably not one of the "known" US "compadres" such as Nicaragua or Dominican Republic - should release a brochure containing facts re Guatemalan Communism. The same delegation should instruct all its party to spread the "word" re Guat Communism to as many Latin American delegates as possible. Such action would prepare Delegates for Guat activity, pre-discredit Guat charges and again, remove the US from the spot-light. Such a brochure and talk should certainly play up SUBJECT para 2c.

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E. Until A is accomplished, all KUGOWN mechanisms will be instructed to play-up ridiculing the Guat charges, counter-charging Guat with crimes, and utilizing SUBJECT para 2c.

2. It is therefore, recommended that a cable be sent to LINCOLN immediately requesting that SUBJECT para 3 a be implemented as soon as possible as outlined in para 1A above.

3. In addition it is recommended that other suggestions contained in this memo be approved and carried to the appropriate people for implementation.

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ACTIONS TAKEN IN PREPARATION FOR THE TENTH INTER-AMERICAN
CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT CARACAS, VENEZUELA

At the request of the Department of State, this Agency has prepared support material to be used by the State Department officers drafting papers for presentation at Caracas. While the individual topics were not delivered originally to State in the order listed below, the support material, in general, followed this outline:

I. A Background of the Domination of Guatemala by a Communist Minority.

(A general analysis of the plans and actions that have been taken by the Communists since the 1944 Revolution and have led to their position of power in the present life of Guatemala.)

II. The Communist Penetration of Guatemalan Institutions.

(Details of Communist operations that have led to a minority control of certain groups and governmental agencies and showing how the directorates have been "interlocked" through the activities of key individuals in several organizations.)

A. Labor Organizations

B. The Government and its Political Structure

C. The Agrarian Department

D. Propaganda Instrumentalities.

E. Personalities.

III. Operations of International Communism in Guatemala

(Showing that other activities that have taken place in

Guatemala have also been under the direction of International

A. Travel:

1. Travel of Guatemalans to areas of Soviet control.
2. Travel of known foreign Communists to Guatemala.

B. The "Peace" Movement.

C. Mass organizations

(Specific front groups for Youth, Students, Women,
Artists, Intellectuals, etc., etc.)

IV. The Pattern of Communist Domination

(Describing the parallels that exist between the method the
Communists used to gain control of Guatemala and those used
in the conquest of Czechoslovakia and Poland.)

SECTION III

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

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25 February 1954

1. As per Mr. W's suggestions, and our conversation, it would be dangerous to actually inoculate pigs with the "hoof and mouth" disease; however, this officer believes that the following operations might have some PW effect:

- A. Through Station WSBURNT, have the essence group spread the story that the WSBURNT government is importing pigs which have the H & M disease. These pigs have been sold in the markets and that the pigs in several provinces are endangered. The government is considering slaughtering all pigs in the respective provinces.
- B. Through LIONIZER in Mexico, plant a story in the local press to the effect that Carlos Manuel PELLECEER has made a vigorous protest re pigs in the province of Esquintla. And that he has accused the Mexicans of purposely sending in diseased animals. Mexican press compares this to old "potato bugs" charges, etc.
- C. LIONIZER, in Mexico, will have its cartoonist prepare a cartoon to be sent to delegates at the Caracas Conference. These cartoons would be: Folded with cover saying "Guatemala accuses", then inside a picture showing Pelleceer and Arbenz with magnifying glasses staring at a pig, labeled, "From Mexico". Expressions of horror on Arbenz face. Pelleceer, yelling complot and shaking fist in direction of Mexico. Below drawing, a brief of Mexican article re Pelleceer and pigs.
- D. Place in WH press, articles re reception of the "new Guatemalan" 'White Paper'.

2. The placing of the Arana article with [] should, through Mr. B, be a relatively simple matter. All details of the story are now being typed by the Guatemalan FI Desk Officer. It might also be added that the story of the murder of ARANA has been given considerable play through RUFUS group, ESSENCE and LIONIZER groups. For example, in July of 1953, 10,000 copies of a comic book portrayal of the ARANA be-

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trayal were distributed within Guatemala and one copy was sent to every key Latin American newspaper. A copy of the book is attached.

The following operation might serve our purposes in Caracas:

- A. LIONIZER can have its artist prepare a "mourning card", with black border and a good sketch of Col. Arana. Underneath would be a text telling in short sentences:
 - Arana was in charge of defending country;
 - Arbenz was giving arms to civilians;
 - Other great quantities arms being side-tracked;
 - Arana was anti-Communist; Arana was only strong opposition to Arbenz;
 - Arana queried Arbenz re Arms and their destination;
 - Arana was gaining political support from two parties;
 - Arana was assassinated by Arbenz y Cia.

These cards, or something similar, would be mailed to delegations at the Caracas conference. Like cards would be mailed to key newspapers throughout the hemisphere.

- B. On the front of the above could be the Legend, "The Guatemalan Black Paper".
- C. Throughout the Conference, LIONIZER and a RUFUS group can be mailing daily, aim mailed, ads to be placed in a major newspaper in each capital city throughout the hemisphere.

3. Offhand, the above is about all that I can think of on such short notice, etc.

[] WH/PW

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Dr. Victor MONTOYA, Deputy Secretary-General of the Tenth Inter-American Conference, was in 1930 a member of the VAIVULA group, an anti-GOMEZ student group with liberal tendencies. Other members of this group were Arturo USLAR Pietri, Dr. Carlos Eduardo FRIAS, and Nelson HIMIOB. Later, MONTOYA became ill with tuberculosis and upon the advice of his doctor went to Switzerland. While in Geneva some of his friends managed to obtain a post for him in the Venezuelan Embassy there in order to assist him financially. Since that time MONTOYA has continued in the diplomatic service. He was at one time a Communist, is now an extreme leftist, and is anti-American. MONTOYA is described as the "gray eminence" of the General Secretariat of the Venezuelan Government.

Field Comment. MONTOYA was at one time Secretary of Internal Politics of the Sectional Committee of the Movimiento de Organización de Venezuela (ORVE) in Los Teques.

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TO: []

INFO: SLINC, []

FROM: Director

JMSWAG

1. Headquarters suggests that [] LIONIZER, possibly can plant the following information with the Inter-American Press Association:

a. The government of Guatemala reportedly plans to take extreme measures against the free press of Guatemala. The following paragraphs show how the Guatemalan Government supports and treats the Guatemalan Communist press.

b. During March, 1953, the Guatemalan Government bought \$60,000 worth of printing equipment (3 linotype soumber 14 1 dudce, press and accessories), in Costa Rica.

c. The above-stated equipment was shipped to Guatemala (?) in July 1953, and was installed in "Talleres Graficos S.A.", printers of the FGT daily "Tribuna Popular" and other Communist propaganda material.

d. "Talleres Graficos" was established 14 August 1953 by a group of well-known Communists including Carlos Rene VALLE, member of the Central and Political Committees of the FGT, and administrator of "Tribuna Popular."

2. If the above is impossible, Headquarters suggests that this information be placed in a LIONIZER bulletin and that one copy be sent to each delegation of the OAS Conference.

3. Please cable reply of action taken.

2 March 1954

This to Director with info
Lincoln ☒ ☒
From ☒ ☒

If it is true that Russia can absorb but little western copper, the removal of Copper from the list of strategic materials would deflate Communist propaganda and bring about beneficial economic effects.

A discussion and recommendation for such a step at the Conference might well steal the play from Communists on the Guatemalan issue.

Check Work.

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From Director

2 March 1954

1. Suggestions for ridiculing the Guatemalans and putting them on the defensive:

a. On 1 Feb. 1954, Guatemalan Foreign Minister and President ARBENZ called in all the copies of "documents" and "photostats" attached to the "White Paper" it could reach. Action was taken due to ARBENZ' belated awareness that the documents were spurious. ARBENZ was furious that money had been paid for phonies.

b. It has been rumored that the "White Paper" "Documents" were not all that were purchased, and even though the Guatemalan Government is aware of their falseness, TORIBIO may try to bring the matter up at the Conference if he is in a tight spot.

c. The Guatemalan Government's desperation and gullibility will bring a big boom in the false document business in Central America.

2. Suggestions for [] Have cartoon drawn of forgers working, handing to TORIBIO who hands forgeries to ARBENZ. The forgers and TORIBIO should be smiling crookedly, ARBENZ looking horrified and yelling "Plot". Underneath this, a short text should be inserted following paragraph one. This should be mailed to the Delegations at the Conference and to the regular newspaper list.

3. Suggestion for [] Use the radio, satire regarding the opportunities for forgers and counterfeiters in atheist Guatemala.

4. Suggestion for [] Use paragraph one, combined with a story regarding Guatemalan "Amigos". List should be: "When will the "Amigos" advertise for forgers to "prove" Bolivia is going to invade Guatemala.

Suggestion for [] Deadpan treatment regarding "New Artistic Cultural Profession Thriving in Guatemala". Tell that this follows similar "Art" activities of other "People's Republics"-German Potato Bugs, Chinese Germs and USSR Pravda photos regarding the nearness of MALENKOV to STALIN.

Sent to []

] with info Sline, []

Gram admin (Bob)

3 March 1954

TO: SLINC, DIR

INFO: []

FROM: Guatemala

PBSUCCESS/RYPAT

1. Source reports that a signed letter, dated 3 September 1944, was sent to John Moors CABBOT, the WSBURNT desk officer, by the group opposing the PQNCE Government.

2. Important points covered by the letter are:

a. PBPRIME preached democracy, but recognized and armed Latin American dictators are enabling these to oppress democratic people;

b. ODACID should investigate the PBPRIME Ambassadors in Central America and should replace those unworthy of that position;

c. ODACID also should intervene diplomatically in order to make the Latin American governments respect the constitutions of their respective countries;

d. To prevent fraud, ODACID should propose an effective electoral system;

e. Present continuance of killings and persecutions in KMFLUSH and WSHOOFs;

f. ODACID should, if necessary, refuse to recognize unconstitutional and despotic Governments on the basis of the Washington pacts;

g. It should show by deeds, not only by words, that the good neighbor policy means something.

3. The following statement was stressed: It is evident truth that no regime gains or retains power in Latin America without the moral support of PBPRIME; therefore, your responsibility is evident and cannot be denied nor evaded.

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4. Hope is clearly expressed in this letter that FBPRIME would engage in activities far stronger than those now branded as intervention by WSBURNT.

5. Two of the signers of the letter were: Guillermo TORIELLO Garrido, head of the WSBURNT Delegation to Caracas, and Augusto CHARNAUD McDonald, Minister of the Government and Secretary General of the Partido de la Revolucion Guatemalteca.

6. WSBURNT Government leaders are fearful of the introduction at the Caracas Conference of this letter, or another longer one also sent to Moors Cabot. The effects of Enrique MUNOD Meany, deceased former WSBURNT Foreign Minister, are presently being searched for the second letter, but without avail as of now. Communists hope that the second letter will serve as further control over TORIELLO.

7. A search of ODACID files here shows that an unsigned copy of an open letter addressed to CABOT was forwarded via dispatch No. 1516 in September 1944. This is possibly identical with the signed letter allegedly sent to CABOT.

8. We suggest that you locate immediately the original signed letter, or letters, in ODACID files or through CABOT for possible use at Caracas.

9. The immediate source of this information is ESFAUTO, evaluation, B; original source, F; appraisal of content: 2.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS:

The American republics at the Ninth International Conference of American States declared that international communism, by its anti-democratic nature and its interventionist tendency, is incompatible with the concept of American freedom, and resolved to adopt within their respective territories the measures necessary to eradicate and prevent subversive activities;

The Fourth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs recognized that in addition to adequate internal measures in each state, a high degree of international cooperation is required to eradicate the danger which the subversive activities of international communism pose for the American States;

The aggressive character of the international communist movement continues to constitute, in the context of world affairs, a special and immediate threat to the national institutions and the peace and security of the American Republics;

THE TENTH INTER-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

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CONDEMNS the activities of the international communist movement as constituting intervention in American Affairs;

EXPRESSES the determination of the American States to take the necessary measures to protect their political independence against the intervention of international communism acting in the interests of an alien despotism; and

REITERATES the faith of the peoples of America in the effective exercise of representative democracy as the best means to promote their social and political progress; and

DECLARES:

That intervention by the international communist movement in the affairs of an American State resulting in domination or control of its political institutions, constitutes grounds for invoking the procedure of consultation under the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance.

II

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That without prejudice to such other measures as each state may consider desirable, special attention be given by the American governments to the following steps for the purpose of counteracting the subversive activities of the international communist movement within their respective jurisdictions:

1. Effective prevention, by means of visa and passport controls, of the entry or departure of persons travelling in the interests of the international communist movement;
2. Measures to require disclosure of the identity, activities and sources of funds of those who are spreading propaganda of the international communist movement or otherwise acting as its agents; and
3. The exchange of information among governments to assist in fulfilling the purposes of the resolutions adopted by the Inter-American Conferences and Meetings of Foreign Ministers regarding international communism.

3 March 1954

TO: []

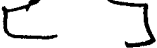
INFO: IINC, []

] GUAT, []

1. For information and discussion with key members of the delegation with a view to possible official or unofficial exploitation.
2. With regard to the Congressional shootings of March 1, there is in fact a certain amount of evidence of Communist connections with and influence over the Puerto Rican nationalist organization of which the would-be assassins are members. The exact nature and extent of this connecting evidence is not known to this organization, but we are reliably assured that there is such evidence.
3. Our thought which we have checked with State Dept, is that it may possibly become desirable for our official delegation to make use of this information either in connection with efforts to elicit support for general anti-Communist resolutions or to combat possible specific Guatemalan charges in line with their white paper. Of course the decision regarding any official use of this info would be that of the delegation, preferably with prior authorization of the Secretary. Another possible use by delegation would be in their private conversations with other friendly Latin American delegations. In the event of decision to make no official use of this item, we have received policy approval for unofficial exploitation through our own channels and outlets.
4. Recommend line to be built around statement that this connecting evidence exists is somewhat as follows: it is a standard and well-known Russian and Communist practice to cynically exploit for Communist purposes the forces of nationalism. It is also well-known that in pursuing this tactic it is common practice for the Communists to take advantage of well-meaning but misguided persons and to encourage and goad them onto desperate actions of violence and to do this with the knowledge and the hope that the innocent victims will be themselves hurt and preferably killed. This tactic is calculated to create an atmosphere of confusion and fear on which communism thrives and to produce "martyrs" in the form of "victims" whose names can thereafter be used in Communist propaganda for their own purposes. It has of course been acknowledged by the Puerto Ricans involved in the tragic incident that their actions were timed to coincide with the opening of the Caracas Conference and it should in any case be obvious that this act of desperation was designed to have impact on the conference. Impact it should have, but just the reverse of the sort designed by the plotters and instigators of this revolting spectacle of violence. On the contrary, it should serve to open the eyes of any person not yet fully awake to the menace of Communism in this Hemisphere and the essentiality of curbing the deadly peril which it represents to all.

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5 March

From  to Washington and Lincoln

It was learned that Foreign Minister TORIELLO is anxious to have a private talk with PEREZ Jimenez. It is likely that President PEREZ will receive him and "Let him talk."

Contrary to previous information, it is now reported that GARCIA Montenegro was received by President PEREZ and that he told the President the story about ARBENZ wanting to break with the Commies.

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March 5, 1954

From [] to Wash, Lincoln and [] with Info to Guat

The Communist Confederation General de Trabajadores Costarricense issued a leaflet which announced a pro-Guatemalan rally on March 8 with the participation of Guatemalan Ambassador Ismael GONZALEZ Arevalo and Guatemalan First Secretary Cesar Julio MERIDA Vasquez. The source of this report expects the rally to be held. EVAL B-2

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March 5, 1954

From [] to Washington INFO [] and Lincoln

1. "La Prensa en el Aire" devoted its broadcasts of February 23 and February 27 to the Guatemalan situation.

2. [] has agreed to continue a series of editorials on "Communist Infiltration in America" with emphasis on Guatemala for two weeks. Articles have appeared from February 17 to 20 and from February 24 to 28 inclusive. Also an article on March 5, 1954.

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